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B. FROTHERINGHAM EMERSON, 1830, of Hollis, N.H., was a member of the Philomathean Society. (Died: 1884)
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CLASS OF 1830

BENJAMIN FROTHINGHAM EMERSON

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Mr. Emerson settled many of the largest estates of the region where he practiced law.

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Children:

I Benjamin Kendall, born 20 Dec. 1843; married 2 Apr., 1873,
Mary Annette Hopkins. Residence, Amherst, Mass.

II Charles Edward, born 11 Oct., 1846; graduated Chandler scientific school, Hanover, N. H., 1870; civil engineer. Residence, Nashua, N. H.

FROM THE IPSWICH EMERSONS

Benjamin Kendall Emerson

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Nashua, N.H., born at Hollis, N.H., July 3. 1806,
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To *Benj. F. Emerson* of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 1830
(or, if deceased, to the friend or relative who knew him best :)

SIR,—

It is the aim of the subscriber, in collecting the information asked for by the following questions, to obtain materials for a concise Biographical Catalogue of the Trustees, Presidents, Professors and Tutors of Union College;—of those who have received Honorary Degrees from it, and of all who have ever entered that Institution, whether Graduates or not.

That such a work would be interesting and useful to the Alumni, will not be denied; but whether it be practicable, will depend chiefly upon the ready aid which they shall impart. This circular will be sent to every Graduate whose residence is known, (or, if deceased, to some near connection,) and it is confidently expected that no one will neglect to return it in due time, with as full information as circumstances will allow:—some of the questions, indeed, it may not be possible to answer with certainty; others not at all: still, it is hoped that no important facts will be withheld because of their fewness.

Death has removed the twenty-four original Trustees, the first three Presidents, the early Professors and Tutors, and from eight hundred to one thousand of the Alumni of the College. Doubtless their friends and descendants will cheerfully contribute such information as may be necessary to illustrate the lives and services of the departed.

The subscriber desires every aid that may help to throw light upon the personal history of those concerned:—Obituary Notices; Biographical Sketches, Epitaphs, Funeral Sermons, Newspaper Notices of election to important offices or stations, Business Cards and Advertisements; also, copies of their Literary Works, Addresses, Sermons, Essays, Newspapers, engraved Portraits, &c.; all of which will be deposited and preserved in an Alcove of the College Library, to be set apart for "Graduates' Works."

He also requests that all future changes affecting the answers which shall be given, be made known to him from time to time:—especially the deaths of Graduates, and that the usual obituary notices or funeral sermons published on such occasions, be sent with the announcements, as it is his purpose to publish these deaths hereafter once a year.

JONATHAN PEARSON, *Librarian.*

UNION COLLEGE,
SCHENECTADY, N. Y. }

SPECIMENS OF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES FOR THE PROPOSED CATALOGUE.

John Glidden Brown was born in Quinipeck, N. Y., May 2, 1800; parents, James and Elizabeth (Glidden) Brown, who moved to Epsom, N. Y., in 1806. He was prepared for College at Helderbergh High School, under the instruction of Rev. Moses Johnson, and entered Union College Jan. 1817. He studied law with Hon. Septimus H. Smith, of Great Falls; was admitted to the bar in 1821; and commenced the practice of law in Albany, with James S. Van Hoesen, Esq. In 1830 he moved to New-York City, which, thereafter, became his residence. He was Member of N. Y. Assembly 1832-5; State Senator 1836-8; Member of Congress 1839-41; and Judge of the Superior Court 1842-6. He died June 30, 1849, of cholera, aged 49 years. Besides occasional speeches, orations and opinions, he wrote a work on constitutional law, and edited the N. Y. State Papers. He received the Degree of L. L. D. from Hamilton College in 1846.

Joseph Henshaw Luther was born in Hanover, Mass., June 1, 1798; parents, Joseph and Madeline (Henshaw) Luther; prepared for College at Yorkville Academy, John Almy, Esq., Principal; and entered Union College Sept. 1814. He taught, 1818-20, in East Philadelphia, (Penn.) High School; graduated at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1823; and was ordained Sept. 25, 1823, at Marbletown, N. Y.; and was Pastor of the Presbyterian Church till 1825. He was Pastor of the 1st Congregational Church of Haselton, Conn., 1825-30; Professor of Rhetoric in Erie College 1831-40; retired on account of ill health, and now resides in Philadelphia, Pa. He has published six sermons on various occasions; a series of lectures on Rhetoric and Belles Lettres, and the "Communicant's Companion." He received the Degree of D. D. from the Hudson University in 1842.

Thomas Pennington Radway was born Feb. 23, 1778, in Benton, N. Y.; parents, John Harmony and Mary (Pennington) Radway; was prepared for College at High Holme School, Rev. Hanover Kelton, Principal; entered Union College Sept. 1795; taught a few months in Suncook, Mass., in 1799; studied medicine with Dr. Jonas Physic and Dr. Abram Potecar, of Camerville; attended medical lectures at the College of Surgeons and Physicians, and was admitted to, and commenced the practice of medicine in La Rhine, in 1806. He was Surgeon in the Army 1813-15, and returned to practice at Oldbury in 1815, where he has since resided. He lectured in the Fairhaven Medical School on Anatomy and Physiology, 1830-5, and has published several articles in the New-York Medical Review, and two larger works on the "Functions of the Brain," and on "Gunshot Wounds."

N. B. 1. Let the answers to the following questions be as full and *authentic* as possible; but when doubtful let them be marked thus (?).

2. When the person is deceased let some near relative or friend fill out the blanks to the best of his knowledge; if he have but *one fact*, let that be sent.

3. Let as much time be taken as may be found necessary for this purpose, and no more.

4. In case this sheet be not sufficient to contain all the facts to be sent, add another of the *same size*, if possible, leaving an inner margin of not less than one inch for binding.

5. In cases where no answers to this circular shall be returned, the editor will be obliged to publish such names without any biographical notices, or to rely upon information, gathered from other sources, and, therefore, not always authentic.

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INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE FOREGOING SKETCHES.

I. Name.

Benjamin Frothingham Emerson

[Let this be written plainly and the middle names in full.]

II. Names of both Parents; thus:—

[John and Elizabeth (Smith) Johnson.]

Daniel Emerson and Esther
Frothingham—

III. Birth Place.

Hollis N.H.

Birth Day and Year.

July 3. 1806

IV. Various residences and dates; thus:—

[Pittsfield, Mass., 1814-24; Albany, N. Y., 1824-30; New-York City, 1830-54.]

Resided in Hollis most of the time till 1824, and made that my home though not there much till 1835.

V. At what Academy or Academies prepared for College, with Principals and dates; thus:—

[Albany Academy, Benjamin Allen, L. L. D., 1815-17.]

Was at Pembroke Ac. 1824. Rose principal. In winter of 1824-25, at New Brunswick Ac. Winter 1825-6 at Haddam Ac. = Taylor & Summer 1826, at Kimball Union Ac. (Can't recall the name)

VI. At what College he graduated, and when.

Entered Dartmouth Col. N.H. Fall of 1826, remained two years, Entered Union College Fall of 1828, — graduated, 1830.

VII. The occupation he followed after leaving college before studying his profession; thus:—

[Teaching, Washington, D. C., 1847-48, or Merchant's Clerk, New-York City, 1849-51.]

Taught School part of the time for one year in Ohio—

VIII. The profession he studied; where; with whom; when; thus:—

[Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1822-5 or Law in Albany, N. Y., with Hon. Harmanus Bleecker, 1840-2.]

Commenced the study of the Law with Ben. M. Early, Esq. of Hollis July 1831-3, was at Law School Cambridge Mass. Fall of 1833-4, and in 1834, studied Law six weeks, with Hon. G. G. Sherman, and with Hon. Edmund Parker.

IX. Where he has practised his profession, with dates; and in case he be a clergyman, mention the denomination to which he belongs; thus:—

[Epis. Somerville, N. J., 1827-30; Pres., Albany, N. Y., 1830-5; New-York City, 1835-54.]

Commenced Practising Winter of 1835. Was a few months at Westchester Mass. Salisbury, & Lenox— and Mass., and in May 1836, removed to Stockton (then called Danville) N.H., and remained there.

X. The other occupations he has followed; when and where; thus:—

[Merchant, Rochester, N. Y., 1829-35; or Farmer, Genesee, N. Y., 1835-54; or Manufacturer, Schoharie, N. Y., 1841-48; or Professor, teacher, banker, editor, &c.]

XI. The important offices he has held, with dates; thus:—

[Surrogate of Jefferson Co., N. Y., 1839-41 and 1845-7; Member of Congress, 21st district, N. Y., 1841-43; Member of Assembly, of N. Y., 1821-4, &c., &c.]

None

XII. The Literary or Scientific Works he has written or edited.

[Copies are solicited for the "Graduates Alcove" in College Library.]

None

XIII. The names of his relatives who graduated at Union College.

None

XIV. The literary, professional, or honorary titles he received; from whence, with dates; thus:—

[M. D., from Albany Medical College 1845; or LL. D., Amherst College, 1850, &c.]

None but D.D.

at Haddam Col.

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him?

[One or two copies, together with his autograph, are solicited for College Library.]

Yes

XVI. The date, circumstances, and place of his death.

[Send any printed notice, biographical sketch, funeral sermon, &c. In many instances more space will be required to answer this and the three following questions, in which case add an additional sheet.]

Not dead yet

~~It was said when I was at College that Doctor Mott, made a record of his impression as to the character and future career of each student—~~

Richman, April 13, 1883

Ben. F. Emerson

XVII. General information respecting character, services, success, interesting passages and events in his life, &c.

I cannot give any under this, except, that
have plodded along in my profession, (with
I believe) a tolerable reputation as a Surgeon but
no advocate, made a poor living, married
in 1842, and have two boys

XVIII. Some account of his pedigree and family; its original seat in this or the old country, &c., &c.

I am the descendant of Rev. Joseph Emerson
who married a daughter of Rev. Mr. Bulkeley of Concord
Mass., and died in Concord Mass. ~~1684~~ 1687 or 2 — am
the fifth generation from him — Joseph had
two sons, who lived in ~~Reading~~ & ~~Malden~~ Mass.,
Reading & Malden Mass., from their descendants
some of them now reside, and from whom they
are scattered over most of the States. I am not
certain whether Joseph was born in this Country
or England. He or his father came from the
North of England — Ministers are the natural
growth of the stock. —

XIX. List of such graduates as may not be widely known; their residences, professions, dates of deaths, &c.; the name and residence,
also, of some near friend of the deceased, that further information may be sought for, thus:—

[John Orton Smith, Banker, Chicopee, Mass., died 1848. His brother, Joseph H. Smith, resides in Springfield, Mass.]

I do not know of any one, whom it would
be useful for me to mention, unless, it be Alonzo
(I cannot recall his first name) who was in my
class, left Senior during vacation, did not return
for his diploma — went to Kentucky, taught
school, studied Law, married a planter's
only child, and settled down — He was
born in N. H. — his family removed to Mass.
N. Y. —

Ben J. Emerson
April 13, 1855,

Benjamin Frothingham Emerson
A.B. 1830

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